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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN IWY DELEGATES VISITING US

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1. PAKISTANIS ATTENDING MEXICO CITY IWY CONFERENCE INCLUDE TWO WOMEN WHO EMBASSY BELIEVES MERIT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR IVP PARTIAL GRANTS. MS. MIRIAM HABIB, PAKISTAN TIMES, LAHORE AND MS. FAZILA ALIANI, MPA, BALUCHISTAN, STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY LAHORE AND KARACHI RESPECTIVELY. BOTH HOPE TO REMAIN US FOR SOME PERIOD AFTER CONCLUSION CONFERENCE AND COULD PARTICIPATE IN TWO-WEEK PROGRAM IF ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY HAS HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA TO ASCERTAIN IF FORMAL GOP CLEARANCE NECESSARY. HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT INDEED IT IS AND THAT "INTERESTED MINISTRIES" WILL HAVE TO CLEAR. NO ESTIMATE HOW LONG PROCESS MAY TAKE.

3. WE NOW OF OPINION THAT BEFORE SUBMITTING NAMES FOR CLEARANCES WE NEED TO KNOW IF PROGRAMMING POSSIBLE. IF PROGRAMS CAN BE ARRANGED WE WISH TO REQUEST MFA FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WHICH WE NOT ASSURED BUT HOPEFUL WILL BE FORTHCOMING. BUT IF POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM DO NOT EXIST WE MUST FACE REALITIES
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AND DROP SCHEME.

4. ALIANI, WHO MEMBER OF OFFICIAL PAK DELEGATION, MOST ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF HER POLITICAL POSITION AND FACT THAT SHE IS DYNAMIC PERSON WITH GENUINE PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS. KARACHILMEVZMENDS FOR HER VISIT TO ISLAMIC CENTER, WASHINGTON; VISIT TO ARIZONA TO OBSERVE INDIAN HANDICRAFTS AND DISCUSS SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS SPONSORED BY STATE/FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR INDIANS IN FOUR-STATE CORNER; ALSO APPOINTMENTS WITH PROMINENT AMERICAN WOMEN HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE.

5. MIRIAM HABIB ATTENDING IWY CONFERENCE ON UN FELLOWSHIP. WE UNDERSTAND SHE IS REMAINING MEXICO CITY AFTER GENERAL CONFERENCE TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING JOURNALISTS. IF GRANT POSSIBLE SUGGEST SHE BE CONTACTED THROUGH USIS MEXICO CITY FOR DATES AVAILABLE. EMBASSY POL OFFICER MARGUERITE KING WILLING TO USE PERSONAL CONTACTS TO ASSIST IN PROGRAMMING IF CONTRACT AGENCIES OVERLOADED. MS. KING'S SUGGESTIONS COULD LIGHTEN LOAD CONSIDERABLY AND BECAUSE SHE KNOWS MIRIAM HABIB A MORE EFFECTIVE EXPERIENCE COULD BE ARRANGED.

6. THERE ARE TWO OTHER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT MEXICO CITY, SAMINA QURESHI, PAK TV, AND SHAHWAR JUNAID, PAKISTAN TIMES, BUT EMBASSY FEELS WITH LARGE GROUP JOURNALISTS PROJECT IVP SUPPORT TO MEDIA SUFFICIENT FOR THIS YEAR. CONCERNTRATING ON HABIB AND ALIANI MAY MAKE MFA PROCESSING SPEEDIER.

7. REQUEST DEPARTMENT OPINION FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL SOONEST.
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